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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:GEORGE M. LANE

1. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO BRING IN FSO GEORGE M. LANE WITH THE VESSEL TAKING OFF THE BEIRUT EVACUEES. HE WOULD SERVE AS THE EMBASSY'S PRINCIPAL POLITICAL OFFICER AND ACTING DCM PENDING THE DEPARTURE OF RAY HUNT, AT WHICH TIME HE WOULD BECOME CHARGE.

2. WE WOULD LIKE GEORGE TO BRING IN SOME CRYPTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS NEEDED BY THE EMBASSY (A BREAD-LOAF SIZED PACKAGE), POSSIBLY A SMALL SONY HIGH QUALITY RECEIVER, THE SECURE TELEPHONE REPLACEMENT PARTS, AND HIS PERSONAL LUGGAGE. WE MUST, HOWEVER, BE WHOLLY CERTAIN THAT THIS TRANSFER CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY AND PARTICULARLY WITHOUT EXCITING THE SUSPICIONS OF THE FATAH AND LAA ELEMENTS GUARDING THE AREA.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER YOU ENVISAGE ANY PROBLEMS, WHETHER YOU WOULD ADVISE THE PLO OF THIS TRANSFER ARRANGEMENT, AND WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT BEST TO KEEP ALL

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THE ADDITIONAL ITEMS IN GEORGE'S LUGGAGE. GEORGE IS PRE-

PARED, IF NECESSARY, TO GET BY WITH ONE LARGE SUITCASE, ONE
DUFFEL BAG, A BRIEFCASE, AND A SMALL GYM BAG; HE WILL NOT
HAVE LEBANESE VISA. ROBINSON

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